

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Jane A. Gross *et al.*
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Title: SOLUBLE RECEPTORS BR32X2
AND METHODS OF USING
Art Unit: 1645
Examiner: Robert A. Zeman

AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION DATED FEBRUARY 11, 2009

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the non-final Office action mailed February 11, 2009 (the "Office Action") for the above-identified patent application, please consider the remarks below. Submitted herewith is a petition for three-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(3) along with the requisite fee. Thus, this reply is timely filed.

No additional fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this paper; however, should any additional fees be deemed payable (or overpayment creditable), in respect of this communication, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge or credit such a fee to Deposit Account No. 08-3038 referencing the above attorney docket number.

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